

# LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP STUDY

## Volume II – Response to Public Comments

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## Introduction

Volume II of the *Long-term Stewardship Study* includes a copy of each public comment received on the *Draft Study* along with DOE's responses to these comments. The 45-day formal public comment period was October 31, 2000 to December 15, 2000 and included a public hearing that was held in Washington, D.C. on November 30, 2000.

DOE received public comments from 50 commenters, including four speakers at the public hearing. DOE reviewed and considered all public comments and other suggestions. These comments and suggestions were integrated with ongoing DOE work in the development of the *Final Study*. However, the *Study* does not establish policy or make decisions, and site-specific comments have been incorporated only to the extent feasible in the context of national long-term stewardship issues.

## List of Commenters

### Commenter

1. Mary Lou Blazek, Oregon State Office of Energy, December 4, 2000
2. James S. Johnson, Oak Ridge, TN, December 7, 2000
3. Robert Peelle, November 26, 2000
4. Tom Fitzsimmons, Washington State Department of Ecology, December 6, 2000
5. Kathy Crandall, Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, November 30, 2000
6. Tri-Valley CARES and Western States Legal Foundation, December 12, 2000
7. Stanley Hobson, INEEL Citizens Advisory Board, November 22, 2000
8. Kenneth Reim, Las Vegas, NV, November 28, 2000
9. Sam Booher, Augusta, GA, December 10, 2000
10. Mark Plessinger, DOE Grand Junction Project Office, December 11, 2000
11. Pamela Sihvola, Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste, December 15, 2000
12. Stephen Dycus, Vermont Law School, December 18, 2000
13. Earl Leming, State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, December 12, 2000
14. Robert Johnson, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, December 13, 2000
15. Thomas Family, Pleasant Hill, CA, December 13, 2000
16. Daniel Miller, State of Colorado Office of the Attorney General, December 13, 2000
17. Carol E. Lyons, City of Arvada, CO, December 14, 2000
18. Michael Duvall and Mary Halliday, St. Charles City Government, MO, December 14, 2000
19. Ann Beachesne, National Governors Association, December 14, 2000
20. Julie Davis, South Davis Campus Superfund Oversight Committee, December 14, 2000
21. Norman Mulvenon, Oak Ridge Reservation Local Oversight Committee, December 14, 2000
22. Luther Gibson, Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board, December 13, 2000
23. Dennis Bechtel, Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning, December 14, 2000
24. Tom Marshall, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, December 15, 2000

25. Stephen Mahfood, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, December 15, 2000
26. M.J. Plodinec, Mississippi State University, December 15, 2000
27. Patrick Sobotta, Nez Perce Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, December 15, 2000
28. Steve Tarlton, State and Tribal Government Working Group, December 15, 2000
29. Steve Tarlton, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, December 15, 2000
30. Reinard Knutsen and Susi Snyder, Shundahai Network, December 15, 2000
31. Carl N. Anderson, Oakland, CA, December 14, 2000
32. Robert M. Gould, Physicians for Social Responsibility, December 14, 2000
33. Fred E. Humes, Economic Development Partnership, December 11, 2000
34. Vernon Brechin, Mt View, CA, December 14, 2000
35. Janis Kate-Turner, Livermore, CA, December 19, 2000
36. DOE Fernald Environmental Management Project, December 12, 2000
37. Jay Vance, Envirocare of Utah, Inc., December 15, 2000
38. Roman Kohler, Rocky Flats Homesteaders, December 19, 2000
39. H. Boyd Hathaway, DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, Inc., December 15, 2000
40. Victoria L. Peters, State of Colorado Office of the Attorney General, December 15, 2000
41. Tim Michael, New Mexico Environment Department, December 18, 2000
42. Bryan Taylor, Rocky Flats History Group, University of Colorado, December 19, 2000
43. Nevada Test Site Community Advisory Board, December 20, 2000
44. Diana Yupe, Shoshone-Bannock, Tribal State and Tribal Government Working Group, December 15, 2000
45. Mark Donham and Kristi Hanson, Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists/ Coalition for Nuclear Justice, December 18, 2000
46. Debra McBaugh, Washington State Department of Health, December 29, 2000
47. and 48. Public Hearing, Thursday, November 30, 2000
49. Russell Jim, Yakama Nation, December 27, 2000
50. Thomas Winston and Graham Mitchell, State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, December 15, 2000